



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Wednesday, May 1, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-2118)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaño, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby and Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

Excused: Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Susan Burton

Call to Order. (13-2004)

Chairperson Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Chairperson Montaño led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the April 24, 2013 Minutes. (13-1996)

During the review and discussion of the April 24, 2013, minutes, Commissioner Andrews expressed his opposition to Commissioners Bigby and Burton's statement on page 2, paragraph 2. He stated for the record that when he rejoined the April 24, 2013 meeting, after stepping out momentarily, it was his understanding that the other Commissioners had discussed and agreed to attend and support Commissioner Burton at the April 23, 2013 Board meeting, when she addressed the Board; there was no motion or vote on the matter. Chairperson Montaño clarified that a motion and/or a vote cannot be taken on any item that is not listed on the agenda. Commissioner Andrews further stated that it was also his understanding that the Commission was going to address the Board on

the closure of the courts and not the Star Program at David Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center. He wanted the record to note that the statements made by the Commissioners on page 2, paragraph 2 of the April 24, 2013 minutes were incorrect.

Also opposed to Commissioner Grill's statement on page 2, paragraph 4, Commissioner Andrews indicated that he would like to state for the record that it is his understanding that the Los Angeles County Superior Court is a division of the Superior Court of California; and is funded by the State of California and the budgeting for the operation of the Los Angeles County Superior Court is determined by the Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, and not the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. He added that he is requesting staff to investigate and determine if the foregoing understanding is correct.

Commenting on the concern expressed by Commissioner Bigby on page 2, paragraph 4 of the April 24, 2013 minutes, Commissioner Andrews stated that while he respects the opinion of Commissioner Bigby, he is entitled to his opinion as it relates to his duties as a Commissioner. He concluded his comments by stating that his statements and/or the opinions expressed at the meetings are not to direct any anger toward any of the Commissioners, but an attempt to keep the Commission on track with its duties.

On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio and duly carried, the minutes of April 24, 2013 were approved as presented.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

2. Review and consideration of the Sybil Brand Commission revised Lock-up Inspection form. (13-1963)

This item was tabled to the meeting of May 8, 2013.

II. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report on various items for May 1, 2013. (13-2119)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles with the Commissioners:

- **Los Angeles Times:**

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- **Couple Say Delay Could Hurt Adoption Chances (April 29, 2013)**
 - **Former Aide Has A Scathing Take On Baca (May 1, 2013)**

4. Treasurer's Report for May 1, 2013. (13-1997)

Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,030.96.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for May 1, 2013. (13-1998)

Ms. Bolaji Famuyiwa, Commission Services Staff, informed the Commissioners that per their request at the last meeting, staff have been advised that the Commissioners will not receive a stipend for attending the Quality and Productivity Commission's Leadership Conference, but they can claim mileage.

Ms. Famuyiwa also informed the Commissioners that the next New Commissioner Orientation is scheduled for June 6, 2013.

Ms. Famuyiwa further reported that the Commission on Local Governmental Services (LGS) meeting is scheduled on May 7, 2013 and the Honorable Judge Mary Thornton House, Supervising Judge of Hub Operations, Los Angeles Superior Court, will have a presentation on court budget cuts and the impact the budget cuts will have on AB 109. Additionally, the Chair of LGS Commission extended an invitation to the Sybil Brand Commission Commissioners to feel free to attend the presentation.

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on May 1, 2013. (13-1999)

There were no monitoring audit reports presented.

7. Commissioners Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from April 25, 2013 to April 30, 2013. (13-2000)

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- **Chairperson Montano and Commissioner Andrews visited the Carson Sheriff's Station on April 29, 2013.**
- **Chairperson Montano and Commissioner Andrews visited Downey Court on April 30, 2013.**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Human Service Network, Page**

23 #2 on April 29, 2013.

- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Luvlee's New Dawn Emancipation, Page 25 #2 on April 30, 2013.**

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes were visited, but not inspected because it was reported that no one was at home:

- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Human Service Network, Page 23, #2 on April 26, 2013.**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Luvlee's New Dawn Emancipation, Page 25 #2 on April 25, 2013.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-2001)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-2002)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of May 1, 2013. (13-2003)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of May 1, 2013 at 11:12 a.m.